

EMS Profile by

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EMS Profile: AMR-Hunt County EMS

About us: American Medical Response/Hunt County EMS (HCEMS) has partnered with Hunt Regional Healthcare (previously Hunt Memorial Hospital District) for the past 20 years to provide emergency medical services to the citizens of Hunt County.

Staff and Coverage Area: HCEMS employs 30 full-time paramedics and EMTs and 17 part-time personnel. HCEMS strives to keep thirty percent of the paramedic staff certified as critical care technicians, and each unit is capable of critical care transport. HCEMS maintains ten MICUs—six frontline and four back-up—that operate from stations in Greenville, Commerce and Quinlan. HCEMS covers 882 square miles with an approximate population of 86,000 people. We serve the cities and towns of Cash, Caddo Mills, Campbell, Celeste, Lone Oak, West Tawakoni, South Tawakoni, Union Valley, Merit, Wolfe City and all unincorporated areas. In 2010, HCEMS responded to 11,113 calls for service. Our leadership team consists of an operations manager, three operations supervisors, a clinical education specialist and an administrative assistant. Dr. Mauricio Trujillo provides medical direction for Hunt County EMS and the first responder organizations within Hunt County.

Units and equipment: HCEMS utilizes Ford and Chevrolet Type III ambulances manufactured by American Emergency Vehicles (AEV). Each unit is equipped with Stryker stretchers, Physio-Control LP12 cardiac monitors with 12 lead, NIBP, and capnography capabilities and IV pumps. Each unit is also equipped with the TrackStar Automatic Vehicle Locator System (AVL). Our communications center utilizes Zoll Right CAD, which interfaces with the AVL system.

HCEMS is the primary preceptor site for several EMT and paramedic programs in Northeast Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Community Service: HCEMS participates in several community service programs. Many of them are organized in conjunction with Drug Free Greenville (<http://drugfreegreenville.org>), including:

- **Shattered Dreams** A three-day prevention immersion learning experience for high school students. The program is aimed at eliminating drinking/drug use while driving, and it is held every four years. The next program is scheduled for 2014.



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Front row: Mauricio Trujillo, MD, Medical Director; Garrett Saddler, EMT-B; Jeremy Christian, EMT-B; Rene Owens, EMT-P; Danielle Sanchez, EMT-P; Cindy Hitchcock, EMT-B, Administrative Assistant; Marcus Haney, EMT-P; Nate Carrista, EMT-B; Nolberto Perez, EMT-P. Back row: Geoff Morgan, EMT-B; Craig Gentry, EMT-B; Scott Yowell, EMT-P; Joe Fowler, EMT-P, Operations Manager; Sonny Geary, EMT-P, General Manager; Thomas Auanger, EMT-P, Shift Supervisor; Andrew Threndyle, EMT-P, EMS Coordinator for HRMC; Michael Sanchez, EMT-B; Shane Smith, RN, EMT-P; Michael Casey, EMT-B. Pictured in the HERO Cards: Reagan Browder, EMT-B; Danielle Sanchez, EMT-P; Jon "J.P." Schneider, EMT-B.

- **Heroes Program** A first responder appreciation program designed to educate and develop positive relationships between law enforcement, firefighters and EMS personnel.
- **Walkathon** A regularly held community awareness event. Participants of all ages and demographic groups experience a health-promoting, substance-free activity.
- **Red Ribbon** A month-long awareness campaign involving all sectors of the community in comprehensive grassroots alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse prevention activities.
- **Fill the Box food drive** An annual food drive that supports the FISH Hunt County shared ministries program.
- **Greenville Police Department's David**

Dixon Memorial Fishing Friday Fishing Friday is a great opportunity for hundreds of children to meet local public servants and to enjoy a morning of fishing, food and fun. Police Officers, firefighters, paramedics, and elected officials are on hand to fish with local children. Police vehicles, ambulances, fire trucks and helicopters are also displayed.

- **Bicycle Rodeo** The Greenville Police Department and Hunt Regional Medical Center Trauma Department organize a bicycle rodeo at the beginning of each summer.

HCEMS also provides stand-by services for Texas A&M Commerce football games, local high school football games, the Hunt County Fair and numerous other events throughout the year.